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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES GREATLY FORTHRIGHT EXPRESSION US VIEWS AND
OPINIONS OF POLDEL PERFORMANCE IN ICCS. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE INFORMATION ON POLISH PERFORMANCE.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, IF KULAGA'S HEALTH PERMITS HIS
RETURN TO TAKE UP ICCS FUNCTIONS, SAME GROUND BE COVERED WITH HIM
DIRECTLY WHICH CONCEIVABLY WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN RELYING UPON
SPASOWSKI OR OTHER CHANNELS WITHIN FONOFF TO TRANSMIT US VIEWS.
FYI WHILE IN SAIGON, KULAGA HAS BEEN MOST RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF
INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH US EMBASSY PERSONNEL, HAS
LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND ASKED PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS. SO FAR, WE
HAVE LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT HIS VIEWS AND THAT OF POLDEL HAVE IN FACT
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CHANGED AS A RESULT OF DIALOGUES, BUT WE DO NOT AS YET DISCOUNT
THE POSSIBILITY OF MODERATING POLDEL POSITION END FYI.

3. IN PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SPASOWSKI'S COMMENT (SECTION E IN

PAGU 4) REGARDING ICCS ROLE IN EFFECTING COOPERATION OF TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE SIDES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ICCS HAS PARTICULAR ROLE IN PRESENT SITUATION OF MOUNTING INCIDENTS AND MILITARY ACTIVITY TO REDUCE LEVEL OF INCIDENTS. THIS IT CAN DO BY CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIONS IMPARTIALLY TO CAUTION BOTH PARTIES TO RESTRAINT, BY FULL DEPLOYMENT TO SITES SPECIFIED IN PARIS AGREEMENT AND BY ESTABLISHING ICCS PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM. LEGALISTIC POLICIES OF COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS IN ICCS, WHICH HAVE AS THEIR END RESULT THE HAMPERING AND STALEMATING OF THE ICCS, CANNOT BE EFFECTIVE IN MAINTAINING OR RESTORING PEACE. UPSURVQ IN PRG VIOLATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS SHOWS THAT PRG AND DRV ARE CONFIDENT ICCS, WITH ITS TWO COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INDICT OR CENSURE. POLDEL AND HUNGDEL HAVE INFORMALLY EXPLAINED AWAY PRG VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE AS "LEGITIMATE" RESPONSE TO GVN ACTIVITIES. IT IS OBVIOUS SO LONG AS THEY FOLLOW THIS LINE THERE IS LITTLE HOPE THAT ICCS CAN ADEQUATELY PERFORM ITS DESIGNATED FUNCTION TO SUPERVISE AND MAINTAIN THE CEASE-FIRE.

4. WE SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO ICCS ACTIONS ON GVN REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE ICCS OF THE NHA BE INCIDENT. HERE IS A CASE IN WHICH THE DRV AND PRG HAVE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK. ICCS ITSELF HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT; NOT ONLY IS NHA BE LOCATED CLOSE TO SAIGON AND THE ICCS HEADQUARTERS, IT IS ALSO THE STORAGE AREA FROM WHICH ICCS DRAWS MOST OF ITS OWN GASOLINE. THUS, DESTRUCTION OF THE POL IN NHA BE HAS A DIRECT IMPLICATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE ICCS AND WILL RESULT IN CONSTRAINTS ON THE USE AND AVAILABILITY OF ICCS VEHICLES. FYI NHA BE IS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE ICCS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DEC 7, THE FIRST TO BE CHAIRED BY IRDEL AMB SADRI END FYI.

5. RE BUDGET CONSIDERATION SPASOWSKI MENTIONED (SECTION D, PARA 4), DIRGEN NUR HAS TOLD US THAT POLDEL AND HUNGDEL HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO REVISED ICCS BUDGET HE HAS PROPOSED. PART OF THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT DELEGATIONS CLAIM NEED TO HAVE APPROVAL FROM THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPECTIVE CAPITALS ON REDUCTIONS IN CLAIMS DELEGATIONS HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE FOR REIMBURSEMENT. SOME OF THE CLAIMS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED INVOLVED ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, OTHERS WERE BASED ON ESTIMATES. FYI NONE OF DELEGATIONS HAVE TO DATE SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE PER DIEM BELOW \$13,00, THOUGH EMBOFFS HAVE SUGGESTED CUT IN THIS ALLOWANCE AS ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS. END FYI
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